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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you a facsimile letter from His Excellency Mr. Heydar Aliyev, President of the Azerbaijani Republic, dated 26 October 1993. In this letter, the President refers to the ongoing large-scale aggression being conducted by the Republic of Armenia, and requests:

- An urgent meeting of the Security Council;

- The condemnation by the Security Council of the open aggression by the Republic of Armenia against the Azerbaijani Republic;

- The imposition of military, political and economic sanctions by the Security Council on the Republic of Armenia, in conformity with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter urgently circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 26 October 1993 from the President of the Azerbaijani Republic addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Russian]

The tragic course of events in the Azerbaijani Republic resulting from the new escalation of aggression by the Republic of Armenia against my country compels me to turn once again to the Security Council.

In the morning of 23 October 1993, following massed artillery preparations, armoured units of the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, with infantry support, flagrantly violated the cease-fire agreement and launched an attack in the Djebrail, Fizuli, Zangelan and Kubatly districts of the Azerbaijani Republic. Having already occupied more than 30 settlements, Armenian subunits have reached the State frontier between the Azerbaijani Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran and currently control a 70-kilometre section of the frontier. All lines of communication to the Zangelan district have been cut and the district, in which some 60,000 local inhabitants and refugees are now gathered, has been surrounded. In some places on the Azerbaijani-Iranian frontier, women, old people and children are perishing as they attempt to swim across the Arax river, in flight from the invaders, who are sowing death and devastation all about them.

These barbarian acts are being perpetrated at the very time that Mrs. Margaretha af Ugglas, Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, is visiting the States of the Caucasus. The crimes committed on the soil of my country by the Armenian warmongers can be categorized as nothing less than brazen defiance of the international community.

For that reason, I am requesting an urgent meeting of the Security Council for the condemnation of these actions by the Republic of Armenia as direct aggression and for the adoption of effective military, political and economic sanctions against it under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

Any delay at this time, as the Armenian troops continue their advance, will entail the risk of a great number of casualties and new flows of refugees, who, with the onset of winter, will face certain death from cold and hunger.

This latest crime by the Armenian military machine threatens to destroy peace and security in the region once and for all and to plunge it into a full-scale and bloody war.

(Signed) Heydar ALIYEV